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RHB 6578 AAC Timely Filing Of Election Returns

My Name is Judith Beaudreau; I am an Election Administrator / Registrar of Voters for the Town of Vernon, CT. I would like to comment on the raising of this bill.

The language before us will help to ensure that Election paperwork is filed in a timely manner. The Certificate referred to here is not done in duplicate and is only filed with the Municipal Clerk. If Official checkers are allowed to use Electronic Poll Books than the filing of the paper voter list will not happen and this will be kept electronically for inspection in the Registrars of Voters Office

Suggested Substitute language in **BOLD CAPITOL LETTERS IN PURPLE**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 9-307 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2014*):

Immediately after the polls are closed, the official checkers, appointed under the provisions of section 9-234, shall make and deliver to the moderator a certificate, ~~in duplicate~~, stating the whole number of names on the registry list or enrollment list including, if applicable, unaffiliated electors authorized under section 9-431 to vote in the primary, and the number checked as having voted in that election or primary. For the purpose of computing the whole number of names on the registry list, the lists of persons who have applied for presidential or overseas ballots prepared in accordance with section 9-158h shall be included. Thereupon the registrars **OF VOTERS** or assistant registrars **OF VOTERS**, as the case may be, acting at the respective polls, shall write and sign with ink, ~~on the list or lists so used and checked~~, a certificate of the whole number of names registered thereon eligible to vote in

the election or primary and the number checked as having voted in that election or primary, and deposit it in the office of the municipal clerk of their town on or before the following day. The municipal clerk shall carefully preserve the same on file, with the marks on it without alteration, for public inspection, and shall immediately enter a certified copy of such certificate on the town records. Subject to the provisions of section 7-109, the municipal clerk may destroy any voting check list four years after the date upon which it was used. The moderator shall place one of the duplicate certificates which the moderator received from the official checkers with the voted ballots from the polling place and the moderator's return provided for in sections 9-259 and 9-310 and shall then lock the tabulator as provided in section 9-310, and the moderator shall deposit the other of such duplicate certificates in the office of the municipal clerk on or before the following day. Any such moderator who fails to deliver such duplicate certificates to the office of the municipal clerk in accordance with this section shall pay a late filing fee of fifty dollars to the municipal clerk.